

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2010-197-C - ORDER NO. 2010-520

AUGUST 5, 2010

IN RE: Petition of Cricket Communications, Inc. for)	ORDER APPOINTING
Arbitration of Rates, Terms and Conditions)	HEARING OFFICER
of Interconnection Agreement with)	
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a)	
AT&T South Carolina)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Commission’s Motion to appoint B. Randall Dong, Esquire, to serve as a hearing officer in the present docket regarding Cricket Communications, Inc.’s petition for arbitration of an interconnection agreement between Cricket Communications, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina. This appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2009).

Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the Commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case and other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years’ practice experience.

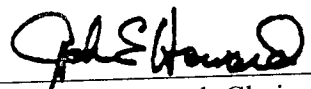
We find that B. Randall Dong meets these qualifications, and we therefore grant the Motion appointing him as hearing officer in these cases. As hearing officer in this proceeding, we direct Mr. Dong to rule on appropriate matters in the case and dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters for this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. B. Randall Dong, Esquire, is hereby appointed as hearing officer in Docket No. 2010-197-C, regarding the petition of Cricket Communications, Inc. for arbitration of an interconnection agreement between Cricket Communications, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina, for disposition of procedural and evidentiary matters for this proceeding.


2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

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